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The book starts with a collection by Aassila M., Andreescu T., Barbeau E. J., Beckenbach E., Bourgade P., Bulajich Manfrino R., Cirtoaje V., Dorrei H., Dospinescu G., Enescu B., Engel A., Feng Z., Gomez Ortega J.A., Hardy G.H., Klamkin M., Kolev E., Lascu M., Larson L., Littlewood J.E., Mitrinovic D., Mushkarov O., Negut A., Nikolov N., Panaitopol L., Pham Kim Hung, Pòlya G., Rabinowitz, Reiman I., Sawyer B.L.R., Stergiou B., Soulamy T., Todev R., Xiong Bin and of many other friends. Its intention is to bring together, in the successive editions, all significant algebraic inequalities. This will also be done by finding out the author, year in which it was created and grade of difficulty on a scale of 1 to 5 (banal, easy, medium, requiring effort and difficult).

We haven't classified the problems according to the techniques used to solve them, or by their difficulty, in order to avoid limiting the creativity and freedom of the person solving them.

In writing this book, the website [www.mathlinks.ro](http://www.mathlinks.ro) has been very useful. It is created and maintained by Dr Valentin Vornicu, who is totally dedicated to all the kinds of mathematics that help in preparing for national mathematics competitions and the International Mathematics Olympics.

On the website's forum, these mathematical inequalities can be discussed much further. Alternative solutions can be suggested, along with new problems that may help to develop the knowledge of friends visiting the website. This also provides an opportunity to underline the importance of mathematics as a discipline, for the development of men and also of society. The problems that are marked  $t=329751$  or similar are present on the forum of the website [www.mathlinks.ro](http://www.mathlinks.ro).

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# Part I

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**AI1 - 1**

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Let  $a$  be real number ( $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Prove that:

$$a) \quad a + \frac{1}{a} \geq 2, \quad a > 0 \qquad b) \quad a + \frac{1}{a} \leq -2, \quad a < 0$$

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**AI1 - 2**

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Let  $a$  be non-negative real number ( $a \geq 0$ ). Prove that:

$$a^5 - a^2 + 3 \geq a^3 + 2$$

Titu Andreescu, 2004

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**AI1 - 3**

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Let  $a$  be non-negative real number ( $a \geq 0$ ). Prove that:

$$5(a^2 - a + 1)^2 \geq 2(1 + a^4)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, 2009

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**AI1 - 3**

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Let  $a$  be non-negative real number ( $a \geq 0$ ). Prove that:

$$2(a^2 + 1)^3 \geq (a^3 + 1)(a + 1)^3$$

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**AI1 - 4**

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Let  $a$  be non-negative real number ( $a \geq 0$ ). Prove that:

$$4(a^3 + 1)^3 \geq (a^4 + 1)(a^2 + 1)(a + 1)^3, \quad a \geq 0$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, 2009

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**AI1 - 5**

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Let  $a$  be non-negative real number ( $a \geq 0$ ). Prove that:

$$2(a^3 + 1)^4 \geq (a^4 + 1)(a^2 + 1)^4$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{8-a}}\right) \geq \frac{9}{4}, \quad 8 > a > 0$$

Gazeta Matematica, 2002

AI1 - 12

Let  $a$  be real number ( $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ) such that  $-1 < a < 1$ . Prove that:

$$\sqrt[4]{1-a^2} + \sqrt[4]{1-a} + \sqrt[4]{1+a} \leq 3$$

The Mathscope, n.216.3

AI1 - 13

Let  $a$  be positive real number ( $a > 0$ ). Prove that:

$$\frac{a^3+1}{a^2+1} \geq \sqrt{a^2-a+1} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{a^4+1}{2}}$$

CRUX, 35(4), p. 254, 2009

AI1 - 14

Let  $a$  be non-negative real number ( $a \geq 0$ ). Prove that:

$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[6]{a} \leq a + 2$$

The Mathscope, n.332.5

AI1 - 15

Let  $a$  be non-negative real number ( $a \geq 0$ ). Prove that:

$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt[3]{a^2} + \sqrt[6]{a^5} \leq 2a + 1$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, Mathlinks, 2009

AI1 - 16

Let  $a$  be real number such that  $a \geq -2$ . Prove that:

$$\sqrt{a+2} + \sqrt[3]{a+2} + \sqrt[6]{a+2} \leq a + 4$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, Mathlinks, 2009

AI1 - 17

**Problems with 2 variables**

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**AI2 - 21**

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Let  $a, b$  be non-negative real numbers ( $a, b \geq 0$ ). Prove that:

$$a + b \geq 2\sqrt{ab}$$

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**AI2 - 22**

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Let  $a, b$  be real numbers ( $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Prove that:

$$a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab$$

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**AI2 - 23**

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Let  $a, b \geq 0$ . Prove that:

$$a^3 + b^3 \geq ab(a + b)$$

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**AI2 - 24**

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Let  $a, b \geq 0$ . Prove that:

$$a^4 + b^4 \geq ab(a^2 + b^2)$$

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**AI2 - 25**

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Let  $a, b \geq 0$ . Prove that:

$$a^5 + b^5 \geq ab(a^3 + b^3) \geq a^2 b^2 (a + b)$$

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**AI2 - 26**

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Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that:

$$(a + b)^2 \geq 4ab$$



**AI2 - 33**

Let  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} \geq \frac{a + b}{2}$$

**AI2 - 34**

Let  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a + b}{a^2 + b^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right)$$

**AI2 - 35**

Let  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{ab}{a + b} \leq \frac{a + b}{4}$$

**AI2 - 36**

Let  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{4}{a + b} \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$$

**AI2 - 37**

Let  $a, b > 0$  such that  $a + b = 1$ . Prove that:

$$\left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right)^2 + \left( b + \frac{1}{b} \right)^2 \geq \frac{25}{2}$$

**AI2 - 38**

Let  $a, b \geq 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Prove that:

$$a + b \geq \sqrt[n]{a^{n-1}b} + \sqrt[n]{ab^{n-1}}$$

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**AI2 - 45**


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Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{2a^2 + 3b^2}{2a^3 + 3b^3} + \frac{2b^2 + 3a^2}{2b^3 + 3a^3} \leq \frac{4}{a+b}$$

The Mathscope, n 285.2

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**AI2 - 46**


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Let  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{ab} \geq \frac{a}{a^4 + b^2} + \frac{b}{a^2 + b^4}$$

Russia, 1995

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**AI2 - 47**


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Let  $a, b > 0$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a+kb}{(b+ka)^2} + \frac{b+ka}{(a+kb)^2} \geq \frac{a+b}{a^2 + (k-1)ab + b^2}$$

MathLinks, t=255035, 2009

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**AI2 - 48**


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Let  $a, b > 0$ ,  $a+b=1$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{1-\sqrt{a}} + \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{b}} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}-1}, \quad a+b=1, \quad a, b > 0$$

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**AI2 - 49**


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Let  $a, b > 0$ ,  $a+b=2$ . Prove that:

$$a\sqrt{\frac{b}{a^2+1}} + b\sqrt{\frac{a}{b^2+1}} \leq \sqrt{2}$$

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**AI2 - 50**


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Let  $a, b > 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $rm \geq 1$ ,  $ab = r^2$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{(1+a)^m} + \frac{1}{(1+b)^m} \geq \frac{2}{(1+r)^m}$$

Arkady Alt, CRUX, 34(2), n. 3319, 2008

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**AI2 - 57**


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Let  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$a^3 + b^3 \geq a + b + 2ab - 2$$

Norman Schaumberger, N.Y.S.M.T.J., n.153, 1984

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**AI2 - 58**


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Let  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$a^b + b^a > 1$$

Kàlmàn Szabò, T.M.G., n. 67.H, 1983

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**AI2 - 59**


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Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|a|, |b| < 1$ . Prove that:

$$|ab + 1| > |a + b|$$

PARABOLA, Q591, 1984

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**AI2 - 60**


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Let  $a, b \geq 0$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{(1+a)^2} + \frac{1}{(1+b)^2} \geq \frac{1}{1+ab}$$

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**AI2 - 61**


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Let  $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$ . Prove that:

$$\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1+y^2} + \sqrt{(1-x)^2 + (1-y)^2} \geq (1+\sqrt{5})(1-xy)$$

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**AI2 - 62**


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Let  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$\sqrt[3]{2(a+b)\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)} \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a}}, \quad a, b > 0$$

Czech and Slovakia, 2000

**AI2 - 69**

Let  $a+b \leq 1$ ,  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{a^3+b^3} + \frac{1}{a^2b} + \frac{1}{ab^2} \geq 20$$

Cao Minh Quang

**AI2 - 70**

Let  $ab = 1$ ,  $a, b > 0$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a^3}{1+b} + \frac{b^3}{1+a} \geq 1$$

Le Thanh Hai

**AI2 - 71**

Let  $a, b \geq 1$ . Prove that:

$$3\left(\frac{a^2-b^2}{8}\right) + \frac{ab}{a+b} \geq \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{8}}$$

Yugoslavia, 1991

**AI2 - 72**

Let  $x, y \in \left[1, \frac{3}{2}\right]$ . Prove that:

$$x^2 + y^2 \geq x\sqrt{3-2y} + y\sqrt{3-2x}$$

Moldova, 2001

**AI2 - 73**

Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and let  $x$  and  $y$  be a positive real numbers such that  $x^n + y^n = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)(1-y)} > \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1+x^{2k}}{1+x^{4k}}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1+y^{2k}}{1+y^{4k}}\right)$$

IMO Shortlist 2007

## Problems with 3 variables

### AI3 - 79

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a}{1-a^2} + \frac{b}{1-b^2} + \frac{c}{1-c^2} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Sefket Arslanagic, CRUX, n. 2738

### AI3 - 80

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $0 < a, b, c < 1$  and  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a}{1-a^2} + \frac{b}{1-b^2} + \frac{c}{1-c^2} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

### AI3 - 81

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $0 < a, b, c < 1$  and  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a}{1-a^2} + \frac{b}{1-b^2} + \frac{c}{1-c^2} \geq \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{1-a^2}{a} + \frac{1-b^2}{b} + \frac{1-c^2}{c} \right)$$

### AI3 - 82

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be real numbers such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$  and  $-1 < a, b, c < 1$ . Prove that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{(1-a^2)(1-b^2)} \geq \frac{9}{2}$$

MathLinks, t=259913, 2009

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**AI3 - 88**


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For positive real numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  with  $a + b + c = 1$ , show that

$$\frac{1+a}{1-a} + \frac{1+b}{1-b} + \frac{1+c}{1-c} \leq 2 \left( \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \right)$$

You need not state when equality holds.

14th Japanese MO, 2004

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**AI3 - 89**


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- a) If  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are three real numbers, all different from 1, such that  $abc = 1$ , then prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{(a-1)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(b-1)^2} + \frac{c^2}{(c-1)^2} \geq 1.$$

- b) Prove that equality is achieved for infinity many triples of rational numbers  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

Walther Janous, IMO Shortlist, 2008 & EXCALIBUR, 13(3), 2008

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**AI3 - 90**


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Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a, b, c > 1$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a^4}{(b-1)^2} + \frac{b^4}{(c-1)^2} + \frac{c^4}{(a-1)^2} \geq 48$$

EXCALIBUR, 13(4) & 13(5), 2008

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**AI3 - 91**


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Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a, b, c > 1$  and  $ab + bc + ca = abc$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{c^4 + 4a - 4}{(a-1)^2} + \frac{a^4 + 4b - 4}{(b-1)^2} + \frac{b^4 + 4c - 4}{(c-1)^2} \geq 54$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=298586, 2009

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**AI3 - 92**


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Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that:

$$3 \leq \frac{1}{1-ab} + \frac{1}{1-bc} + \frac{1}{1-ca} \leq \frac{27}{8}$$

Sefket Arslanagic, CRUX, n. 2786

**AI3 - 99**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{(2a^2+b^2)(2a^2+c^2)} + \frac{b^3}{(2b^2+c^2)(2b^2+a^2)} + \frac{c^3}{(2c^2+a^2)(2c^2+b^2)} \leq \frac{1}{a+b+c}$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, MathLinks, 2005

**AI3 - 100**

If  $a, b, c$  are non-negative real numbers, then

$$\frac{a^2-bc}{2a^2+b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2-ca}{a^2+2b^2+c^2} + \frac{c^2-ab}{a^2+b^2+2c^2} \geq 0$$

Nguyen Anh Tuan, MathLinks, 2005

**AI3 - 101**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals and let  $p, q$  be positive reals. Prove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \left[ \frac{(a^2-bc)(p\sqrt{2a^2+b^2+c^2}+q)}{2a^2+b^2+c^2} \right] \geq 0$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, 2009

**AI3 - 102**

If  $a, b, c$  are non-negative real numbers, then

$$\frac{a^2-bc}{\sqrt{2a^2+b^2+c^2}} + \frac{b^2-ca}{\sqrt{a^2+2b^2+c^2}} + \frac{c^2-ab}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+2c^2}} \geq 0$$

Nguyen Anh Tuan, MathLinks, 2005

**AI3 - 103**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{2a^2+bc} + \frac{1}{2b^2+ca} + \frac{1}{2c^2+ab} \geq \frac{6}{a^2+b^2+c^2+ab+bc+ca}$$

**AI3 - 109**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive reals such that  $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{2b^2 + a} + \frac{b^2}{2c^2 + b} + \frac{c^2}{2a^2 + c} \geq 1$$

**AI3 - 110**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive reals such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{2b^3 + a} + \frac{b^2}{2c^3 + b} + \frac{c^2}{2a^3 + c} \geq 1, \quad a + b + c = 3$$

**AI3 - 111**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers, no two of which are zero. Then

$$\frac{a^2}{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2} + \frac{b^2}{2c^2 - ca + 2a^2} + \frac{c^2}{2a^2 - ab + 2b^2} \geq 1$$

Vasile Cirtoaje

**AI3 - 112**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{2a^2 - ab + 2b^2} + \frac{b^3}{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2} + \frac{c^3}{2c^2 - ca + 2a^2} \geq \frac{a + b + c}{3}$$

Nguyen Viet Anh

**AI3 - 113**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{2a + b} + \frac{b}{2b + c} + \frac{c}{2c + a} \leq 1$$

Gazeta Matematică, 2000

**AI3 - 114**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{2a + b} + \frac{1}{2b + c} + \frac{1}{2c + a} \geq \frac{3}{a + b + c}$$



**AI3 - 121**

Show that for all positive reals  $a, b, c$ ,

$$\left(\frac{a+2b}{a+2c}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{b+2c}{b+2a}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{c+2a}{c+2b}\right)^3 \geq 3$$

MOP, 2004

**AI3 - 122**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{a+2b+c} + \frac{b}{a+b+2c} + \frac{c}{2a+b+c} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

**AI3 - 123**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{2a+b+c} + \frac{b}{a+2b+c} + \frac{c}{a+b+2c} \leq \frac{3}{4}$$

M&amp;Y-9, 2004

**AI3 - 124**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{ab}{a+b+2c} + \frac{ca}{a+2b+c} + \frac{bc}{2a+b+c} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{4}$$

M&amp;Y-3, 2005

**AI3 - 125**

Given three variables  $a, b$  and  $c$  satisfying the following equality

$$a+b+c = 9a^{\frac{2}{3}}b^{\frac{2}{3}}c^{\frac{2}{3}} \text{ and } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \text{ prove that}$$

$$\frac{ab}{a+b+2c} + \frac{bc}{2a+b+c} + \frac{ca}{a+2b+c} \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

Shaastra Online Math Contest, 2009

**AI3 - 126**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{ab+c}{a+b+2c} + \frac{ca+b}{a+2b+c} + \frac{bc+a}{2a+b+c} \leq \frac{a+b+c+3}{4}$$

**AI3 - 133**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{c^2 + ab}{a + b + 2c} + \frac{b^2 + ac}{a + 2b + c} + \frac{a^2 + bc}{2a + b + c} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a^2}{b + c} + \frac{b^2}{c + a} + \frac{c^2}{a + b} + \frac{a + b + c}{2} \right)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=259342, 2009

**AI3 - 134**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{b(c+a)^2}{a+2b+c} + \frac{c(a+b)^2}{a+b+2c} + \frac{a(b+c)^2}{2a+b+c} \geq \sqrt{3abc(a+b+c)}$$

MathLinks, t=259361, 2009

**AI3 - 135**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{(b+c)(2a+b+c)} + \frac{b}{(c+a)(2b+c+a)} + \frac{c}{(a+b)(2c+a+b)} \geq \frac{9}{8(a+b+c)}$$

**AI3 - 136**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a(a+b)}{(b+c)(2a+b+c)} + \frac{b(b+c)}{(c+a)(2b+c+a)} + \frac{c(c+a)}{(a+b)(2c+a+b)} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

**AI3 - 137**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{ab(a+c)^2(b+c)^2}{(2a+b+c)(a+2b+c)} \geq abc(a+b+c)$$

MathLinks, t=259603, 2009

**AI3 - 138**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a+b}{b+c} \cdot \frac{a}{2a+b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+a} \cdot \frac{a}{2b+c+a} + \frac{c+a}{a+b} \cdot \frac{c}{2c+a+b} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

D. Olteanu, Gazeta Matematică

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**AI3 - 145**


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Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a(1+a+ab)}{(a+2b)^2} + \frac{b(1+b+bc)}{(b+2c)^2} + \frac{c(1+c+ca)}{(c+2a)^2} \geq 1$$

MathLinks, t=258676, 2009

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**AI3 - 146**


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Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a(1+a+ab)(1+a+2b)}{(a+2b)^2} + \frac{b(1+b+bc)(1+b+2c)}{(b+2c)^2} + \frac{c(1+c+ca)(1+c+2a)}{(c+2a)^2} \geq 4$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=307913, 2009

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**AI3 - 147**


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Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{2ac+ab+b^2}{(2c+b)^2} + \frac{2ab+bc+c^2}{(2a+c)^2} + \frac{2bc+ca+a^2}{(2b+a)^2} \geq \frac{4}{3}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=307910, 2009

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**AI3 - 148**


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Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a(1+c+a+ab)+2bc}{(a+2b)^2} + \frac{b(1+a+b+bc)+2ca}{(b+2c)^2} + \frac{c(1+b+c+ca)+2ab}{(c+2a)^2} \geq 2$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=313583, 2009

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**AI3 - 149**


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Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \left[ \frac{a(1+c+a+ab)+2bc}{(a+2b)^2} \right] + \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{ab+bc+ca} \geq 3$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=258695, 2009

**AI3 - 155**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{(2c + b)^2} + 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab}{(2a + c)(2c + b)} \geq \frac{4}{3}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t= 320116, 2009

**AI3 - 156**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be three arbitrary real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{(2a - b)^2} + \frac{1}{(2b - c)^2} + \frac{1}{(2c - a)^2} \geq \frac{11}{7(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

Pham Kim Hung

**AI3 - 157**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ . Then

$$\frac{a^2}{1 + 2bc} + \frac{b^2}{1 + 2ca} + \frac{c^2}{1 + 2ab} \geq \frac{3}{5}$$

Raja Oktovin, MathLinks, t=248249, 2008

**AI3 - 158**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{1 + 2bc}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{1 + 2ca}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{1 + 2ab}} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

Pham Kim Hung

**AI3 - 159**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{c}{\sqrt{4a^2 + ab + 4b^2}} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{4b^2 + bc + 4c^2}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{4c^2 + ca + 4a^2}} \geq 1$$

Pham Kim Hung & Vo Quoc Ba Can

**AI3 - 160**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{4a^2 + ab + 4b^2}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{4b^2 + bc + 4c^2}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{4c^2 + ca + 4a^2}} \leq 1$$

Bin Zhao, Mathematical Reflections, n. O32, 2006

**AI3 - 167**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be non-negative numbers such that  $ab + bc + ac \neq 0$ . Then

$$\frac{a+b}{4c^2+ab} + \frac{b+c}{4a^2+bc} + \frac{a+c}{4b^2+ca} \geq \frac{6(a+b+c)}{5(ab+bc+ac)}$$

Michael Rozenberg, MathLinks, t=262789, 2009

**AI3 - 168**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4a^2 + bc + 7a + 8}} \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=310812, 2009

**AI3 - 169**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq \frac{a+b+c}{abc}$$

**AI3 - 170**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

Romania-TST, Iasi & Bucharest, 2006

**AI3 - 171**

Suppose that  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are positive reals satisfying  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq 3 + \frac{2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)}{abc}$$

Ho-joo Lee, CRUX, n. 2532

**AI3 - 172**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$abc \left( 1 + \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) \geq \frac{28}{27}$$

Walther Janous, CRUX, Klamkin-02

**AI3 - 179**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{9}{4} + \left( \frac{a+b}{c} + \frac{c+a}{b} + \frac{b+c}{a} \right) - \frac{9(ab+bc+ca)}{4(a^2+b^2+c^2)}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=313586, 2009

**AI3 - 180**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{10}{3} \cdot \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{ab+bc+ca} - 3 \cdot \frac{ab+bc+ca}{a^2+b^2+c^2} - 1$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=320792, 2009

**AI3 - 181**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq 18 - \frac{120abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

Tran Quoc Anh, ML t=293216, 2009

**AI3 - 182**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} + 9 \right) \geq \frac{a}{b} + 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{a}}$$

**AI3 - 183**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} + 1 \right) \geq \frac{a}{b} + 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{a}} \geq 6$$

**AI3 - 184**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2} \leq \frac{a^2}{b^3} + \frac{b^2}{c^3} + \frac{c^2}{a^3}$$

**AI3 - 191**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{c}{a^2(1+b)} + \frac{a}{b^2(1+c)} + \frac{b}{c^2(1+a)} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

**AI3 - 192**

Let  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\left(2 + \frac{xy}{z^2}\right)^2 + \left(2 + \frac{yz}{x^2}\right)^2 + \left(2 + \frac{zx}{y^2}\right)^2 \geq \frac{9(x^2z + z^2y + y^2x)^2}{xyz(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=310024, 2009

**AI3 - 193**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$\left(\frac{1}{a^2} - 1\right)\left(\frac{1}{b^2} - 1\right)\left(\frac{1}{c^2} - 1\right) \geq 2^9$$

**AI3 - 194**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $ab + bc + ca = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{1}{1+b^2} + \frac{1}{1+c^2} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, MathLinks, 2005

**AI3 - 195**

If  $a, b, c \leq 1$  and  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{1}{1+b^2} + \frac{1}{1+c^2} \leq \frac{27}{10}$$

Titu Andreescu & Gabriel Dospinescu

**AI3 - 196**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ . Then

$$\frac{a}{b^2+1} + \frac{b}{c^2+1} + \frac{c}{a^2+1} \geq \frac{3}{4}(a\sqrt{a} + b\sqrt{b} + c\sqrt{c})^2$$

Hellenic-IMO-TST, 2002

**Al3 - 203**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive reals such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{ab}{a^2+1} + \frac{bc}{b^2+1} + \frac{ca}{c^2+1} \leq \frac{1}{16} \left[ \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + 2 \left( \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \right) + 3 \right]$$

MathLinks, t=259357, 2009

**Al3 - 204**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers with  $ab + bc + ca = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{ab}{c^2+1} + \frac{bc}{a^2+1} + \frac{ca}{b^2+1} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

Titu Zvonaru, Mathematical Mayhem, 34(4) M299, 2008

**Al3 - 205**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2+1} + \frac{b^2}{c^2+1} + \frac{c^2}{a^2+1} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

Faruk Zejnulahi & Sefket Arslanagic, CRUX, n. 2994

**Al3 - 206**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1+a}{1+b^2} + \frac{1+b}{1+c^2} + \frac{1+c}{1+a^2} \geq 3$$

**Al3 - 207**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1+a^2}{1+b^2} + \frac{1+b^2}{1+c^2} + \frac{1+c^2}{1+a^2} \leq \frac{7}{2}$$

MathLinks, t=260118, 2009

**Al3 - 208**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1-a^2}{1+a^2} + \frac{1-b^2}{1+b^2} + \frac{1-c^2}{1+c^2} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

Gazeta Matematică, 2003



**AI3 - 215**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$6 \prod_{cyc} \left( \frac{a^3 + 1}{a^2 + 1} \right) \geq \max \left\{ \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(1+bc)(a^2+1)}{a^3+1}, \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab(1+c)(a^2b^2+1)}{a^3b^3+1} \right\}$$

Mihály Bencze, CRUX, 34(4) n. 3349, 2008

**AI3 - 216**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = abc$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2+1}} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

EXCALIBUR, 6(2) & 6(3), 2001

**AI3 - 217**

Let  $r$  be a real number,  $0 < r \leq 1$ , and let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = r^3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2+1}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{1+r^2}}$$

Arkady Alt, CRUX, 34(3), n. 3329, 2008

**AI3 - 218**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive reals such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+1}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2+1}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2+1}} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

**AI3 - 219**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = abc$ . Then

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+1}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2+1}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2+1}} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

**AI3 - 225**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be non-negative reals such that  $ab + bc + ca = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{b^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + 2} \leq 1$$

**AI3 - 226**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be non-negative reals such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{7-6a}{a^2+2} + \frac{7-6b}{b^2+2} + \frac{7-6c}{c^2+2} \geq 1$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, MathLinks, t=245046, 2008

**AI3 - 227**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + 2bc} + \frac{1}{b^2 + 2ca} + \frac{1}{c^2 + 2ab} \geq \frac{2}{ab + bc + ca}$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, MathLinks, 2005

**AI3 - 228**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{a^2 + 2bc} + \frac{b^2}{b^2 + 2ca} + \frac{c^2}{c^2 + 2ab} \geq 1$$

Romania, 1997

**AI3 - 229**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{bc}{a^2 + 2bc} + \frac{ca}{b^2 + 2ca} + \frac{ab}{c^2 + 2ab} \leq 1$$

Romania, 1997

**AI3 - 230**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{2a^2 - bc}{a^2 + 2bc} + \frac{2b^2 - ca}{b^2 + 2ca} + \frac{2c^2 - ab}{c^2 + 2ab} \geq 1$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=310029, 2009

**AI3 - 237**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 2bc}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + 2ca}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + 2ab}} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}$$

Ho Phu Thai & Da Nang, Mathematical Reflections, n. O39, 2007

**AI3 - 238**

Prove that for all non-negative real numbers  $a, b, c$ , we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{2a^2 + bc}{a^2 + 2bc}} + \sqrt{\frac{2b^2 + ca}{b^2 + 2ca}} + \sqrt{\frac{2c^2 + ab}{c^2 + 2ab}} \geq 2\sqrt{2}$$

Pham Kim Hung

**AI3 - 239**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{a^2 + 2bc} + \frac{b}{b^2 + 2ca} + \frac{c}{c^2 + 2ab} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{ab+bc+ca}$$

Tran Quoc Anh, MathLinks, t=224981, 2008

**AI3 - 240**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a-1}{a^2 + 2bc} + \frac{b-1}{b^2 + 2ca} + \frac{c-1}{c^2 + 2ab} \leq \frac{a+b+c-2}{ab+bc+ca}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=322098, 2010

**AI3 - 241**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove or disprove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a(\sqrt{a^2 + 2bc} + 1) - 1}{a^2 + 2bc} \leq \frac{(a+b+c)(\sqrt{ab+bc+ca} + 1) - 2}{ab+bc+ca}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=251776, 2009

**AI3 - 242**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + 3} + \frac{1}{b^2 + 3} + \frac{1}{c^2 + 3} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{4\sqrt{abc}}$$

Romania, 2003

**AI3 - 248**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{a^2 + 4ab + b^2} + \frac{b^3}{b^2 + 4bc + c^2} + \frac{c^3}{c^2 + 4ca + a^2} \geq 1$$

José Luis Diaz-Barrero, SSMJ, n. 5054, 2009

**AI3 - 249**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc \leq 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b^2 + b} + \frac{b}{c^2 + c} + \frac{c}{a^2 + a} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

Cao Minh Quang, CRUX, 35(2), n. 3421, 2009

**AI3 - 250**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{1}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq \frac{9}{(a + b + c)^2}$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, Gazeta Matematică-B, 9, 2000

**AI3 - 251**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{1}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \leq \frac{1}{abc}$$

**AI3 - 252**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \frac{b^2}{c(b^2 + bc + c^2)} + \frac{c^2}{a(c^2 + ca + a^2)} \geq \frac{3}{a + b + c}$$

**AI3 - 253**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^2 + b}{b(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \frac{b^2 + c}{c(b^2 + bc + c^2)} + \frac{c^2 + a}{a(c^2 + ca + a^2)} \geq 2$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=322100, 2010

**AI3 - 260**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{a(b+c)}{b^2+bc+c^2} + \frac{b(c+a)}{c^2+ca+a^2} + \frac{c(a+b)}{a^2+ab+b^2} \geq 2$$

**AI3 - 261**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2+bc}{b^2+bc+c^2} + \frac{b^2+ca}{c^2+ca+a^2} + \frac{c^2+ab}{a^2+ab+b^2} \geq 2$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, ML, 2005

**AI3 - 262**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{2a^2+3bc}{b^2+bc+c^2} + \frac{2b^2+3ca}{c^2+ca+a^2} + \frac{2c^2+3ab}{a^2+ab+b^2} \geq 5$$

**AI3 - 263**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{5a^2+2bc}{b^2+bc+c^2} + \frac{5b^2+2ca}{c^2+ca+a^2} + \frac{5c^2+2ab}{a^2+ab+b^2} \geq 7$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=322104, 2010

**AI3 - 264**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers and  $p, q > 0$ . Prove that

$$\frac{pa^2+qbc}{b^2+bc+c^2} + \frac{pb^2+qca}{c^2+ca+a^2} + \frac{pc^2+qab}{a^2+ab+b^2} \geq p+q$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, 2009

**AI3 - 265**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2+b^2-3c^2}{a^2+ab+b^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2-3a^2}{b^2+bc+c^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2-3b^2}{c^2+ca+a^2} + \frac{4(ab+bc+ca)}{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)} \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=322515, 2010

**AI3 - 271**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3 + b^3}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{b^3 + c^3}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{c^3 + a^3}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq \frac{2}{3}(a + b + c)$$

**AI3 - 272**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers and  $k > 0$ . Prove that

$$\frac{ka^3 + b^3}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{kb^3 + c^3}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{kc^3 + a^3}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq \frac{k+1}{3}(a + b + c)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, 2009

**AI3 - 273**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^3 + b^3}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{b^3 + c^3}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{c^3 + a^3}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq 2$$

**AI3 - 274**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{b^3}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{c^3}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq 1$$

**AI3 - 275**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{b^3}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{c^3}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq 1$$

José Luis Diaz-Barrero, SSMJ 2009(2) n. 5054

**AI3 - 276**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$  and  $k > 0$ . Prove that

$$\frac{ka^3 + b^3}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{kb^3 + c^3}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{kc^3 + a^3}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq k + 1$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, 2009

**Al3 - 282**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a^3}{a^2+ab+b^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^3}{b^2+bc+c^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^3}{c^2+ca+a^2}} \geq \frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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**Al3 - 283**

If  $a, b, c > 0$ , prove that

$$\frac{ab+bc+ca}{\sqrt{a^2+ab+b^2} + \sqrt{b^2+bc+c^2} + \sqrt{c^2+ca+a^2}} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

Murray S. Klamkin, CRUX n. 805

**Al3 - 284**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2+b^2} \geq \frac{15}{2(a^2+b^2+c^2+ab+ac+ca)}$$

**Al3 - 285**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2+b^2} \geq \frac{10}{(a+b+c)^2}$$

**Al3 - 286**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a+b+c=2$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2+b^2} \geq \frac{5}{2}$$

**Al3 - 287**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{1}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2+a^2} \geq \frac{6}{ab+bc+ca} - \frac{8}{a^2+b^2+c^2}$$

Pham Kim Hung

**Al3 - 294**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Then

$$\frac{a}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{b}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{c}{c^2+a^2} \leq \frac{a^3+b^3+c^3+15}{12}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=322517, 2010

**Al3 - 295**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a+b}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{b+c}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{c+a}{c^2+a^2} \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$$

**Al3 - 296**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a-b}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b-c}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c-a}{a^2+b^2} \geq \frac{1}{10} \left( \frac{8a-5b-5c}{a(b+c)} + \frac{8b-5c-5a}{b(c+a)} + \frac{8c-5a-5b}{c(a+b)} \right)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=326767, 2010

**Al3 - 297**

If  $c \geq b \geq a > 0$ , then

$$\frac{ac}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{ba}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{cb}{c^2+a^2} \leq \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right)^2$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=322519, 2010

**Al3 - 298**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{a(2a+b+c)}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b(a+2b+c)}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c(a+b+2c)}{a^2+b^2} \geq 6$$

**Al3 - 299**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{(-a+b+c)^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{(a-b+c)^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{(a+b-c)^2}{a^2+b^2} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, ML, t=259748, 2009



**Al3 - 306**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{b^3}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{c^3}{c^2+a^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2} \right)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=311797, 2009

**Al3 - 307**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{b^2+c^2} \right) \left( \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2} \right) \geq \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b+c} \right) \left( \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a+b}{b} \right)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=251794, 2009

**Al3 - 308**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{2a^2+bc}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{2b^2+ac}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{2c^2+ab}{a^2+b^2} \geq \frac{9}{2}$$

**Al3 - 309**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2+16bc}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+16ac}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+16ab}{a^2+b^2} \geq 10$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, ML, 2005

**Al3 - 310**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{ab-bc+ca}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{bc-ca+ab}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{ca-ab+bc}{a^2+b^2} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

**Al3 - 311**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Then

$$\frac{ab+4bc+ca}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{bc+4ca+ab}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{ca+4ab+bc}{a^2+b^2} \geq 4$$

**AI3 - 318**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a^2+2bc}{b^2+c^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2+2ac}{c^2+a^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2+2ab}{a^2+b^2}} \geq 3$$

Vo Quoc Ba Can & Vu Dinh Quy

**AI3 - 319**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a^2+4bc}{b^2+c^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2+4ac}{c^2+a^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2+4ab}{a^2+b^2}} \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

Vo Quoc Ba Can, CRUX 35(4) n. 3419, 2009

**AI3 - 320**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{a^2+2bc} + \sqrt{a^2+4bc}}{\sqrt{b^2+c^2}} \right) \geq 8 + \sqrt{2}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, 2009

**AI3 - 321**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{(a^2+b^2)(a^2+c^2)}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{(b^2+a^2)(b^2+c^2)}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{(c^2+a^2)(c^2+b^2)}} \leq \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{2abc}$$

Romania, local MO, 1988

**AI3 - 322**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2+bc}{b^2+c^2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{b^2+ac}{c^2+a^2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c^2+ab}{a^2+b^2}} \geq \frac{9\sqrt[3]{abc}}{a+b+c}$$

Pham Huu Duc, Mathematical Reflections, n S27, 2006

**AI3 - 329**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{4abc} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2 + a^2}} > \frac{2(a + b + c)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

Zdravko F. Starc, RSME n.128, 2009

**AI3 - 330**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$3\left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4abc} + \sqrt{2}\right) > \frac{2a+1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{2b+1}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} + \frac{2c+1}{\sqrt{c^2 + a^2}} > 2\left(\frac{a+b+c}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} + 1\right)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=326771, 2010

**AI3 - 331**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ . Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2 + 1}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{b^2 + c^2 + 1}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{c^2 + a^2 + 1}} \leq \sqrt{3}$$

Pham Kim Hung

**AI3 - 332**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 + b^2 + 1} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{b^2 + c^2 + 1} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{c^2 + a^2 + 1} \geq \frac{a+b}{a^2 + b^2 + 1} + \frac{b+c}{b^2 + c^2 + 1} + \frac{c+a}{c^2 + a^2 + 1}$$

Jingjun Han, Mathematical Reflections n. J104, 2008

**AI3 - 333**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b^2 + c} + \frac{b}{c^2 + a} + \frac{c}{a^2 + b} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

Pham Kim Hung

**AI3 - 334**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive reals such that  $a + b + c = 3$  and  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{ab}{(a^2 + b)(a + b^2)} + \frac{bc}{(b^2 + c)(b + c^2)} + \frac{ca}{(c^2 + a)(c + a^2)} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

**AI3 - 341**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{a^2+bc} + \frac{b}{b^2+ca} + \frac{c}{c^2+ab} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a}{bc} + \frac{b}{ca} + \frac{c}{ab} \right)$$

Baltic way, 2003

**AI3 - 342**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{bc}{a^2+bc} + \frac{ca}{b^2+ca} + \frac{ab}{c^2+ab} \leq \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}$$

Pham Huu Duc, Mathematical Reflections n. J60, 2007

**AI3 - 343**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{a^2+bc} + \frac{b^2}{b^2+ca} + \frac{c^2}{c^2+ab} \leq 2$$

Canada

**AI3 - 344**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{a^2+bc} + \frac{b^2}{b^2+ca} + \frac{c^2}{c^2+ab} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{2\sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

Pham Huu Duc, CRUX 34(6) n. 3374, 2008

**AI3 - 345**

Suppose that  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{b+c}{a^2+bc} + \frac{c+a}{b^2+ca} + \frac{a+b}{c^2+ab} \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$$

Ho-Joo Lee, CRUX n. 2580

**AI3 - 346**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2+3a}{a^2+bc} + \frac{b^2+3b}{b^2+ca} + \frac{c^2+3c}{c^2+ab} \leq \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2) + (a+b+c)^2 + 9(a+b+c)}{a^2+b^2+c^2+ab+bc+ca}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=329754, 2010

**AI3 - 353**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{a^2 + bc} + \frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{b^2 + ca} + \frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{c^2 + ab} \geq \frac{21}{4} - \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{4abc}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=249913, 2009

**AI3 - 354**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{3b^2 + 4bc + 3c^2}{a^2 + bc} \geq \frac{33}{2} - \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{2abc}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=329755, 2010

**AI3 - 355**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{\sqrt{ab}}{c^2 + ab} + \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{a^2 + bc} + \frac{\sqrt{ca}}{b^2 + ca} \geq \frac{9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)}{2(a+b+c)^4}$$

MIC Shortlist, ML, t=259607, 2009

**AI3 - 356**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + bc}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 + ca}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2 + ab}} \geq \frac{6}{a+b+c}$$

Pham Kim Hung

**AI3 - 357**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + bc}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 + ca}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2 + ab}} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}$$

Pham Kim Hung

**AI3 - 358**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2 - bc}{\sqrt{a^2 + bc}} + \frac{b^2 - ca}{\sqrt{b^2 + ca}} + \frac{c^2 - ab}{\sqrt{c^2 + ab}} \geq 0$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, ML, 2005

**Al3 - 365**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a, b, c \geq -1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^2+1}{c^2+b+1} + \frac{b^2+1}{a^2+c+1} + \frac{c^2+1}{b^2+a+1} \geq 2$$

Laurentiu Panaitopol, JBMO, 2003

**Al3 - 366**

Let  $a, b, c$  be real numbers such that  $-1 \leq a, b, c \leq 1$  and  $a+b+c=0$ . Prove that

$$\sqrt{a^2+c+1} + \sqrt{b^2+a+1} + \sqrt{c^2+b+1} \geq 3$$

Pham Thanh Nam

**Al3 - 367**

Prove that if the real numbers  $a, b$  and  $c$  satisfy  $a^2+b^2+c^2=3$  then

$$\frac{a^2}{c^2+b+2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2+c+2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2+a+2} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{12}.$$

When does the equality hold?

Baltic Way, 2008

**Al3 - 368**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $a+b+c=3$ . Prove that

$$(a^2-ab+b^2)(b^2-bc+c^2)(c^2-ca+a^2) \leq 12$$

Pham Kim Hung, ML, 2006

**Al3 - 369**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $a^2+b^2+c^2=2$ . Then

$$8(a^2-ab+b^2)(b^2-bc+c^2)(c^2-ca+a^2) \leq 1$$

Pham Kim Hung

**Al3 - 370**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{b^2-bc+c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2-ca+a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2-ab+b^2} \geq \frac{12}{(a+b+c)^2}$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, 2006

**AI3 - 377**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\frac{3a^2 - bc}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{3b^2 - ca}{c^2 - ca + a^2} + \frac{3c^2 - ab}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \geq 5$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=319775, 2009

**AI3 - 378**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = 3$ . Then

$$\frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2 - ca + a^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \leq \frac{3}{abc}$$

**AI3 - 379**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2 - ca + a^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \geq \frac{3(ab + bc + ca)}{a + b + c}$$

Sefket Arslanagic, CRUX n. 2927

**AI3 - 380**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero. Prove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} a \geq 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab}{a + b + 2c}$$

**AI3 - 381**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = 3$ . Then

$$\frac{a^3 + b}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3 + c}{c^2 - ca + a^2} + \frac{c^3 + a}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \leq \frac{3 + ab + bc + ca}{abc}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=329119, 2010

**AI3 - 382**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative reals, no two of which are zero, such that  $a + b + c = 2$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^3 + 8}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3 + 8}{c^2 - ca + a^2} + \frac{c^3 + 8}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \geq 26$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=316360, 2009

**AI3 - 389**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Then

$$\frac{1+ab^2}{c^3} + \frac{1+bc^2}{a^3} + \frac{1+ca^2}{b^3} \geq \frac{18}{a^3+b^3+c^3}$$

Hong Kong, 2000

**AI3 - 390**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b^3} + \frac{b}{c^3} + \frac{c}{a^3} \geq \frac{27}{(a+b+c)^2}$$

**AI3 - 391**

Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ . Then

$$\frac{a^2}{b^3} + \frac{b^2}{c^3} + \frac{c^2}{a^3} \geq 3$$

MathLinks, t=259844, 2009

**AI3 - 392**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^k + b^k + c^k = 3, k > 0$ . Then

$$\frac{a^2}{b^3} + \frac{b^2}{c^3} + \frac{c^2}{a^3} \geq 3$$

ML, t=259844, 2009

**AI3 - 393**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b^3+1} + \frac{b}{c^3+1} + \frac{c}{a^3+1} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

Bin Zhao, ML, 2006

**AI3 - 394**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b^3+1} + \frac{b^2}{c^3+1} + \frac{c^2}{a^3+1} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

ML, t=259844, 2009



**AI3 - 401**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b^3+2} + \frac{b}{c^3+2} + \frac{c}{a^3+2} \geq \frac{1}{6}(5+abc)$$

MathLinks, t=264216, 2009

**AI3 - 402**

For positive real numbers  $x, y, z$  holds  $\frac{1}{x^2+1} + \frac{1}{y^2+1} + \frac{1}{z^2+1} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Prove the inequality:

$$\frac{1}{x^3+2} + \frac{1}{y^3+2} + \frac{1}{z^3+2} < \frac{1}{3}$$

Serbia, Junior Balkan Team Selection Test, 2009

**AI3 - 403**

Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x + y + z = 3$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{x^3}{y^3+8} + \frac{y^3}{z^3+8} + \frac{z^3}{x^3+8} \geq \frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{27}(xy + yz + zx)$$

Iran, National Math Olympiad, 2008

**AI3 - 404**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c \leq 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{a^3+a^2+1} + \frac{b}{b^3+b^2+1} + \frac{c}{c^3+c^2+1} \leq \frac{27}{31}$$

Cao Minh Quang, CRUX 35(2) n. 3421, 2009

**AI3 - 405**

Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 2$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{\sqrt[k]{a}}{b^3+c^3} + \frac{\sqrt[k]{b}}{c^3+a^3} + \frac{\sqrt[k]{c}}{a^3+b^3} \geq 2$$

Tran Quoc Anh, ML, t=292594, 2009

**AI3 - 411**

If  $a \geq b \geq c > 0$ , then

$$\frac{a^3b}{a^3+b^3} + \frac{b^3c}{b^3+c^3} + \frac{c^3a}{c^3+a^3} \geq \frac{ab^3}{a^3+b^3} + \frac{bc^3}{b^3+c^3} + \frac{ca^3}{c^3+a^3}$$

**AI3 - 412**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^5 + a^4 + b^5}{a^3 + b^3} + \frac{b^5 + b^4 + c^5}{b^3 + c^3} + \frac{c^5 + c^4 + a^5}{c^3 + a^3} \geq \frac{5}{6}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=318005, 2009

**AI3 - 413**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{3a^5 + 2a^4 + 3b^5}{a^3 + b^3} + \frac{3b^5 + 2b^4 + 3c^5}{b^3 + c^3} + \frac{3c^5 + 2c^4 + 3a^5}{c^3 + a^3} \geq 2$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=250356, 2009

**AI3 - 414**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{3a^3 + abc}{b^3 + c^3} + \frac{3b^3 + abc}{c^3 + a^3} + \frac{3c^3 + abc}{a^3 + b^3} \geq 6$$

Tran Quoc Anh, ML, t=262924, 2009

**AI3 - 415**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{b^5 + 3a^3 + c^5 + abc}{b^3 + c^3} + \frac{a^5 + 3b^3 + c^5 + abc}{c^3 + a^3} + \frac{b^5 + 3c^3 + a^5 + abc}{a^3 + b^3} \geq \frac{19}{3}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=297732, 2009

**AI3 - 416**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{3b^5 + 3a^3 + 3c^5 + abc}{b^3 + c^3} + \frac{3a^5 + 3b^3 + 3c^5 + abc}{c^3 + a^3} + \frac{3b^5 + 3c^3 + 3a^5 + abc}{a^3 + b^3} \geq 7$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t= 315857, 2009

**AI3 - 423**

If  $a, b, c > 0$  with  $a + b + c = 1$ , prove that

$$\frac{a^7 + b^7}{a^5 + b^5} + \frac{b^7 + c^7}{b^5 + c^5} + \frac{c^7 + a^7}{c^5 + a^5} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

**AI3 - 424**

Let  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $abc = 1$

$$\frac{ab}{a^5 + b^5 + ab} + \frac{bc}{b^5 + c^5 + bc} + \frac{ca}{c^5 + a^5 + ca} \leq 1$$

Unused problem in IMO 1996, EXC 2(4)+2(5), 1996

**AI3 - 425**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 9$$

**AI3 - 426**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 2 \left( \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right)$$

**AI3 - 427**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 4 \left( \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right) - \frac{9}{a+b+c}$$

**AI3 - 428**

If  $a, b, c > 0$ , prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \leq \frac{a^8 + b^8 + c^8}{a^3 b^3 c^3}$$

G. C. Giri, CRUX n. 413

**AI3 - 435**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 6 \left( \frac{a}{3a^2 + 2b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b}{3b^2 + 2c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c}{3c^2 + 2a^2 + b^2} \right)$$

**AI3 - 436**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 6 \left( \frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + 4} + \frac{1}{b^3 + c^3 + 4} + \frac{1}{c^3 + a^3 + 4} \right)$$

**AI3 - 437**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{4}{b} + \frac{9}{c} \geq \frac{36}{a+b+c}$$

**AI3 - 438**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $12 \geq 21ab + 2bc + 8ca$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{2}{b} + \frac{3}{c} \geq \frac{15}{2}$$

Tran Nam Dung, Vietnam TST, 2001

**AI3 - 439**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \geq 4 \frac{a}{b+c}$$

**AI3 - 440**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \geq \frac{a+c}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{a+c}$$

**AI3 - 447**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{a+b} + 1$$

**AI3 - 448**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $c \geq b \geq a$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{c}$$

**AI3 - 449**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{a+b}{a+c} + \frac{b+c}{b+a} + \frac{c+a}{c+b}$$

Indian-TST to the IMO 2002

**AI3 - 450**

Let  $a, b, c, k$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{a+kb}{a+kc} + \frac{b+kc}{b+ka} + \frac{c+ka}{c+kb}$$

Nguyen Viet Anh

**AI3 - 451**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{3}{2}$$

MathLinks, t=262433, 2009

**AI3 - 452**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{b+2a}{b+c} + \frac{b+2c}{a+b} + \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=302100, 2009

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**AI3 - 459**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} + \frac{5}{4}}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=315855, 2009

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**AI3 - 460**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc \leq 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} \geq a + b + c$$

EXCALIBUR, 5(4), 2000

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**AI3 - 461**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq (a+1)(b+1)(c+1) - 5$$

Aaron Pixton

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**AI3 - 462**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left[ (a+b+c) + \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \right]$$

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**AI3 - 463**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right)^2 \geq (a+b+c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

Great Britain Olympiad, 2005

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**AI3 - 464**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right)^2 \geq \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{a+b}{c} + \frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{c+a}{b} \right)$$

Romany-JTST, 2006

**AI3 - 471**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers, show that

$$\frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} > 2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}$$

China-TST, 2008

**AI3 - 472**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ . Prove that

$$\frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} > 1 + \frac{a+b+c}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=310241, 2009

**AI3 - 473**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 8$ . Prove that

$$\frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} > 4 \cdot \sqrt[6]{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, ML, t=311790, 2009

**AI3 - 474**

If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a + b + c + \sqrt{abc} = 4$ , then

$$\sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{ca}{b}} > a + b + c$$

China-TST, 2007

**AI3 - 475**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq a + b + c + \frac{4(a-b)^2}{a+b+c}$$

BMO, 2005

**AI3 - 476**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2)}{ab+bc+ca}$$

MathLinks, t=249523, 2009

**Al3 - 483**

Let  $a, b, c > 0$  such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove:

$$\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

Croatia TST 2007

**Al3 - 484**

Given positive real numbers  $a, b, c$ , prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq \frac{37(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 19(ab + bc + ca)}{6(a + b + c)}$$

Michael Rozenberg, ML, t=296853, 2009

**Al3 - 485**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}$$

1st Nordic Mathematical Olympiad

**Al3 - 486**

Given positive real numbers  $a, b, c$ , prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq 12 - \frac{9(ab + bc + ca)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

**Al3 - 487**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\left( \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \right) + \left( \frac{b^2}{a^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \right) \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \right) + 3$$

**Al3 - 488**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{2}{3}(a + b + c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) - \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)}$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=310240, 2009



**Al3 - 495**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{b^3} + \frac{b^3}{c^3} + \frac{c^3}{a^3} \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}, \quad a, b, c > 0$$

**Al3 - 496**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{(-a+b+c)^3}{a} + \frac{(a-b+c)^3}{b} + \frac{(a+b-c)^3}{c} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

**Al3 - 497**

Suppose that  $a, b, c$  are positive real numbers and  $a^5 + b^5 + c^5 = 3$ . Then

$$\frac{a^4}{b^3} + \frac{b^4}{c^3} + \frac{c^4}{a^3} \geq 3$$

**Al3 - 498**

Prove that for all positive real numbers  $a, b, c$

$$\frac{a^5}{b} + \frac{b^5}{c} + \frac{c^5}{a} \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{a^6 + b^6 + c^6}{3}\right)^2}$$

Nguyen Thuc Vu Hoang, MathLinks, t=298305, 2009

**Al3 - 499**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{a}} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

**Al3 - 500**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{a}} \geq 6$$

**AI3 - 507**

Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a}{b}} \geq 3\sqrt{2}$$

where  $a, b, c$  are positive real numbers.

Šefket Arslanagić, Die WURZEL, n. η50

**AI3 - 508**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a}{b}} \geq \sqrt{6 \cdot \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}}$$

Pham Huu Duc, Mathematical Reflections n. S41, 2007

**AI3 - 509**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a}{b}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{16(a+b+c)^3}{3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}$$

Vo Quoc Ba Can, Mathematical Reflections n. O43, 2007

**AI3 - 510**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a}{b}} \geq 2(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{abc}(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}$$

Panagiotė Ligouras, MathLinks, t=252271, 2009

**AI3 - 511**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a}{b}} \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{6(a+b+c)^3}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}$$

Panagiotė Ligouras, MathLinks, t=308751, 2009

**AI3 - 512**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a}{b}} \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt[6]{\frac{9(a+b+c)^4}{\sqrt[3]{abc}(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}$$

Panagiotė Ligouras, MathLinks, t=297725, 2009

**AI3 - 519**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers, prove that

$$\frac{a+b}{c} + \frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{c+a}{b} - 4 \left( \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right) \geq 1 - \frac{8abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

Cezar Lupu & Cosmin Pohoata, RSME, 11(1), n. 97, 2008

**AI3 - 520**

For  $a, b, c > 0$ , if  $abc = 1$ , then show that

$$\frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a}} + \frac{c+a}{\sqrt{b}} + \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{c}} \geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + 3$$

EXCALIBUR, 5(3) & 5(4), 2000

**AI3 - 521**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers, prove that

$$\frac{(a+b)^3}{c} + \frac{(b+c)^3}{a} + \frac{(c+a)^3}{b} \geq 8(ab+bc+ca)$$

**AI3 - 522**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers, prove that

$$\frac{(a+b)^3}{c} + \frac{(b+c)^3}{a} + \frac{(c+a)^3}{b} \geq 8(a^2+b^2+c^2)$$

Romania, order 8, 2003

**AI3 - 523**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers, prove that

$$\frac{(a+b)^3}{c} + \frac{(b+c)^3}{a} + \frac{(c+a)^3}{b} \geq 2(a^2+b^2+c^2) + 2(a+b+c)^2$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=297731, 2009

**AI3 - 524**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ , prove that

$$\frac{a^2+b^2}{c} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{a} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{b} \geq 6$$

Gazeta Matematică, 2002

**AI3 - 531**

If  $a, b, c$  are positive numbers, then

$$a + b + c + \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq \frac{6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{a + b + c}$$

Pham Huu Duc, MathLinks, 2006

**AI3 - 532**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3b + ab^3}{c} + \frac{b^3c + bc^3}{a} + \frac{c^3a + ca^3}{b} \geq 6abc$$

**AI3 - 533**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 2 \left( \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right)$$

**AI3 - 534**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a \geq b \geq c$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^2b}{c} + \frac{b^2c}{a} + \frac{c^2a}{b} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

Vietnam, 29th MO, 1991

**AI3 - 535**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 6$ . Prove that

$$\left(a + \frac{1}{b}\right)^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2 + \left(c + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 \geq \frac{75}{4}$$

ARML, 1987

**AI3 - 536**

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Then

$$\left(a + \frac{1}{b}\right)^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2 + \left(c + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 \geq 16$$

Mircea Becheanu, Mathematical Reflections, n. J57, 2007

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{4}{3}(a+b+c) \geq 7$$

----- **AI3 - 543** -----

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a+b+c=1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a+b^2}{c} + \frac{b+c^2}{a} + \frac{c+a^2}{b} \geq 4$$

----- **AI3 - 544** -----

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{a}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{b}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right) \geq \left(a + \frac{1}{b}\right)\left(b + \frac{1}{c}\right)\left(c + \frac{1}{a}\right)$$

----- **AI3 - 545** -----

Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a+b+c=1$ . Prove that

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{a}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{b}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right) \geq 64$$

Yugoslavia, 30th MO, 1989

----- **AI3 - 546** -----

Let  $a, b, c$  be arbitrary positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\left(1 + \frac{a}{b}\right)\left(1 + \frac{b}{c}\right)\left(1 + \frac{c}{a}\right) \geq 2 + \frac{2(a+b+c)}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

APMO, 1998

----- **AI3 - 547** -----

Let  $a, b, c$  be arbitrary positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\left(1 + \frac{a^2}{b}\right)\left(1 + \frac{b^2}{c}\right)\left(1 + \frac{c^2}{a}\right) \geq (1+a)(1+b)(1+c)$$

APMO

----- **AI3 - 548** -----

Let  $a, b, c$  be arbitrary positive real numbers. Prove that

$$a+b+c+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} \leq 3+\frac{a}{b}+\frac{b}{c}+\frac{c}{a}$$

Todor Mitev, CRUX, n. 3236

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**Al3 - 555**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 6 \geq \frac{3}{2} \left( a + b + c + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

Vasile Cirtoaje, ML, 2006

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**Al3 - 556**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq (a+b+c) + \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) - 3$$

EXCALIBUR, 12(4), 2007

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**Al3 - 557**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + 9 \geq 2 \left( a + b + c + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

Panagiotis Ligouras, MathLinks, t=252656, 2009

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**Al3 - 558**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$a+b+c+\frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \geq 2 + \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

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**Al3 - 559**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$(a+b+c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \geq 9$$

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**Al3 - 560**


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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

If  $y \geq a, b, c \geq x > 0$ , then

$$\frac{(2x+y)(x+2y)}{xy} \geq (a+b+c) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \geq 9$$